

Instructions for Disposal in the Evacuation Zone

The BC Poultry EOC recognizes the enormous task that the removal and disposal of mortality are for producers. The provided is information and a resource guide for the resources at your disposal, should you require them. Producers are welcome to organize their disposal and cleanout.

Deadstock storage for flood-affected farms:

The Ministry urges producers to manage their mortalities within the barn structure until a disposal plan is in place. Storing the carcasses in the barn reduces biosecurity risk in two ways:

1. It reduces the attraction of scavengers and predators onto your farm. These animals can introduce diseases, including avian influenza, to your property.
2. It reduces the risk of disease spread from the carcasses to other areas of your property or your neighbours.

Other considerations:

1. Producers are ultimately responsible for their mortalities, and securing those mortalities in the event of rising water could be difficult if not stored in a barn or other secure structure.
2. Live animals should be segregated from deadstock where possible. If this is not possible within the barn, the Ministry recommends that the producer move and contain the dead animals outside of the barn, under a tarp or in an otherwise secured way.

Resource Guide:

Before you start, please the Ministry Livestock Carcass Disposal Hotline at 604-302-4830

1. *Producer Run Clean-out:*

- A. Attached is a time and equipment tracking sheet. Please use this to track your time and any equipment required to clean out the flood damage in your barns. Producers are asked to hold the tracking forms until a dedicated email address is set up to process them. This information guide will be updated with that information as soon as it is received.

2. *External Resources Required for Clean-out:*

Should you require equipment, people, transportation, or any other external support, don't hesitate to get in touch with the following people:

A. Equipment:

The Ministry has a hotline. The Ministry of Agriculture team within the Emergency Operations Center coordinates the transport and disposal of livestock carcasses. You can call the Ministry Livestock Carcass Disposal Hotline at 604-302-4830, and a staff member will help to facilitate the removal of any carcasses that may be on your farm. You do not have to be on the farm to make the call.

- B. Volunteer Coordinator: Juschka Clarke - hazelspringsorganics@gmail.com 604-761-5446 she has an approved list of contacts that can assist with volunteering at your site.
- C. EOC contacts: Bryan Brandsma - brandsmab@yahoo.ca 778- 808-5518 & James Krahn - JamesKrahn@krahngroup.com 604 835 2663 they are working with the team to facilitate assessments on each farm and to organize a disposal plan should you require it.
- D. Ag Safe Contact: Rory Smith - rory@agsafebc.ca 604-835-7570.
- E. Administration and miscellaneous questions don't hesitate to get in touch with Stephanie Nelson at stephanie@bcbhec.com.